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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certification Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

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FV-303

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Agricultural
Marketing
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Frozen Corn, Announcement FV-303, Invitation 014

Washington, DC
20250

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen corn as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, October 21, 2005.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Friday, October 28, 2005.** Deliveries are to be made from December 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

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| Corn Cob 96-ear, Frozen | 30-lb carton | 5,280 cases |
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No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Note:

Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY2006. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on a part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for the contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.



Note:

Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of the Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.


Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-303; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Frozen Corn, dated April 2004; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-303, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk (*).

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV303
INVITATION : 014
COMM GROUP : 39 VEGETABLES, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 15 CORN, COB, FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 10 96-EAR CASE

| ITEM NO | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/05 - 12/15/05 | | | | | |
| 001 | BROOKLYN | NY | TRUCK ONLY | 3,960 | _____ ** (KOSHER) |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/06 - 02/28/06 | | | | | |
| 002 | AUGUSTA | ME | TRUCK ONLY | 1,320 | _____ |
| TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION | | | | 5,280 | |


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Contracting Officer

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